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SANTA SANTA SANTA SANTA SANTA In a rather festive house on Waggy Avenue, there lives a dog. A small, plump dog.



A small, plump dog called Claude, who wears a jaunty jumper and a very snazzy beret.



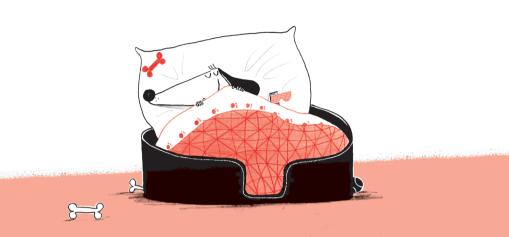
Claude lives with Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes and his best friend Sir Bobblysock, who is a very bobbly sock.

Whenever Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes are out of the house, Claude and Sir Bobblysock go on an adventure. What adventure will they have today?



'Twas the night before Christmas and Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes were off to a party in the city. They were looking terribly glamorous.

'See you later!' said Mrs Shinyshoes, slipping into her slingbacks.



'We'll be back at midnight!' cried Mr Shinyshoes, straightening his dickie bow.

Then they both blew kisses towards Claude, who was fast asleep, and clattered out of the front door into the snowy night.